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63. (New) An optical apparatus according to claim 58 or 59,
wherein the first, second, and third surfaces of said ocular optical system are
each formed from a rotationally asymmetric curved surface that corrects aberration due to
decentration.--

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully solicited.

Claims 11 through 63 are pending, with Claims 11, 17, 23, 48, and 58 being
independent. Claims 58 through 63 have been added.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c)

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c), the Examiner is
respectfully advised that newly added Claims 58 through 63 have been copied in modified form
from Claims 1 through 3 and 9 through 11, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,267 B1
("Takahashi '267") to Koichi Takahashi.

CONCLUSION

In keeping with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants are deferring filing a
Supplement to Request for Interference at this time, and respectfully request that at such time
deemed appropriate by the Examiner, the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned
representative to discuss the inclusion of Takahashi '267 and the newly-added claims in the
interference.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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